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City of Tupelo Department of Parks and Recreation

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Regular office hours are 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday
We will be closed on all National Holidays

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Tupelo Parks and Recreation



Contact Numbers

Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center	(662) 841-3791
Golf Shop	(662) 841-6446
City Park Tennis Courts	(662) 841-6594
Lee Acres Center	(662) 841-6452
Grounds Maintenance Shop	(662) 844-4676
Maintenance Operation Shop	(662) 841-6436
Oren Dunn City Museum	(662) 841-6438
Rec-Check	(662) 842-8422
Tupelo Aquatic Center	(662) 840-3768

Rental & Recreational Facilities

Rockwell Center 1199 Joyner Avenue

Call for Pricing

Fee includes 1 large room/1 small room, kitchen facility, 20 6ft Tables (rectangle) tables and chairs for 100 people. This facility is used mainly for birthday parties, family reunions and dances.

Contact Neely Turner for rental information 662-841-6440

Augustus Center

1400 North Green Street

\$100.00 rental fee, \$100.00 damage deposit

Fee includes 1 room for up to 100 people , 10 6ft Tables (rectangle) & chairs for 75 people. This facility is used for various get-togethers. The Augustus Center is available for neighborhood activities. Contact Neely Turner for rental information 662-841-6440

Bel-Air Center

2107 Country Club Road

\$400.00 rental fee, \$125.00 damage deposit

Fee includes two large rooms, full kitchen, patio area, 15 Round Tables, 2 6ft Tables (rectangle), 5 8ft Tables (rectangle) and chairs for 100 people

Contact Pat Clark, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for rental information 662-841-3791 (after hours please leave message).

Ballard Park

655 Rutherford Road

West Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 150 people)

East Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds up to 30 people)

Gazebo \$50.00 per day (weddings/church services)

Stage Fee depends on size/type of event.

Hancock Park

310 Monument Drive

Pavilion \$50.00 - per day (holds 25-30 people)

Theron Nichols

1743 Mitchell Road

Pavilion \$50.00 - per day (holds 25-30 people)

Veteranc Park

800 North Veterans Boulevard

Veterans Pavilion \$50.00 - 1/2 Day, \$100.00 - Whole Day (holds 75 people)

Veterans Memorial Pavilion \$50.00 - 1/2 Day, \$100.00 - Whole Day (Holds approximately 40 people)

Gum Tree Park

683 North Front Street

Pavilion \$50.00 – 1/2 Day, \$100.00 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)

Recreational Center (Non-Rental Facility) 906 Fillmore Drive

Dot Cooper-Kelly Park at Lee Acres offers a complete weight room, portable indoor basketball court, racquetball court, aerobics room and a ping pong table. Outdoor basketball court and tennis courts and a variety of board games, contests, and sports tournaments.

Center hours are Monday-Thursday 3:00pm-7:00pm

All Facility rentals are one day only from 8:00 am-12:00 midnight.

All Pavilion rentals are half day or whole day.

2014 Calendar

January	
6	Youth Basketball Starts Back
13	Challenger Basketball Registration Begins
17-19	Shockwave Swim Invitational
21-Feb. 7	· · · · · · · = · · · · · · · · · · · ·
24-26	Adult Indoor Tennis Tournament
26	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
31-Feb. 2	Shockwave Swim Invitational
February	
	Boy Scout Mini Exhibit Oren Dunn City Museum
	Black History Exhibit at Oren Dunn Museum
1-2	Tupelo Tennis Academy Jr. Novice Tournament for 10U
7	End Challenger League Basketball Registration
8	Youth Basketball Ends
10	Therapeutic Valentine's Dance
15	Adult Softball Registration SAFE Run
15	Krewe of Barkus
17	Spring Youth Soccer Begins
23	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
27-March 2	MS Swimming Short Course Championship
March	Mauch Maduras Cassas Tarressant
1-2	March Madness Soccer Tournament
3 4-28	Challenger Basketball begins
4-26 7-9	Hispanic Heritage Exhibit Water Safety Instructor Course at Tupelo Aquatic Center
7-9	Adult Softball Registration ends
12-15	Lifeguard Certification Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
14-16	Ballard Park Boom Baseball Tournament
21-22	High School Fastpitch Jamboree
23	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
24	Challenger Softball Registration Begins
28-30	Tupelo Tennis Academy Jr. Spring Tournament
April	
1	Adult Softball Begins
1-30	Tupelo Tornado Exhibit at Oren Dunn City Museum
4-5	Tupelo High School Tennis Tournament
4-6	Thunder on the Water Softball Tournament
6	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
8-10	High School Divison Tennis Tournament
10	Youth Soccer Ends
11-13	Aim for the Fence AAA Major Baseball Tournament
11	End Challenger Softball Registration
12	4th Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt
	Children's Fishing Rodeo
10	City-Wide Sidewalk Sale
13 14	Adult Triathlon at Veterans Park and Tupelo Aquatic Center
14 16-19	Youth Baseball and Softball Opening Day Lifeguard Certification Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
18-20	No Pain No Gain AA Baseball Tournament
25-27	Shockwaye Invitational
27	Pitch, Hit and Run Local Event (Boys/Girls)
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May	
1-4	Lifeguard Certification Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
3	Dudies Burger Festival
2-4	Charlie Close Tennis Tournament
_	Hit Big Miss Big AA Baseball Tournament
5 6	Challenger Softball Begins Summer Day Camp Registration (Until Full)
9-11	Kohl's Cup Soccer Tournament
11	Pitch, Hit and Run (Sectional)
16-18	The Big The Bad and the Batter Open Baseball Tournament
	JT Neely Scholarship Fastpitch Tournament
17	Hershey's Track and Field Local Meet
18	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
24	Summer Programming Begins at Tupelo Aquatic Center
26	Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial
27-June 20	Adult Wiffleball League Registration Begins
June	
2	CC Augustus Pool Opens
	Soccer, Flag Football, Cheerleading Registration begins
_	Summer Day Camp Begins
6	Hershey's Track & Field State Meet
6-8	Baseball Fever Open Only Baseball Tournament TSA Fastpitch Classic Tournament
9-13	Oren Dunn Museum Summer Camp
13-15	Gum Tree Classic Softball Tournament
15	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
19	Youth Baseball and Softball ends
19-22	12U State USSSA Baseball Tournament
20	Fall Sports Registration Ends
20-22	TSA Tune-up Fastpitch Tournament
23-27	Museum Summer Camp
27-29	Dixie Zone Masters Long Course Championship
1.1	ASA Fastpitch 12 U C State Tournament
July	Photography F. E. P. Taran Comp. Phys. C. 11 May 199
1-Aug. 29	Photography Exhibit at Oren Dunn City Museum
1 4	Adult Wiffleball League Starts All-America City Family Picnic in the Park
4	Summer Day Camp Closed for the Holiday
7-Aug 1	Adult Fall Registration Begins
11	Last day of Summer Day Camp & All Camps Super Fun Day
11-13	Tupelo Jr. Open Tennis Tournament
13	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
14	TopSoccer Registration Begins
17	Mississippi Swimming, Inc. 8 & Under Short Course Developmental Meet
17-20	Mississippi Swimming, Inc. Long Course Championship
25-27 25	3V3 Basketball Jamboree C.C. Augustus Closes
25 26	Cheer Workshop
	Officer Workshop
August	Hally are and The College Fire Fishibit at the Core Program City Marsana
1-Sept. 30	Hollywood: The Golden Era Exhibit at the Oren Dunn City Museum
2 8	Kids Triathlon at Tupelo Aquatic Center End TopSoccer Registration
10	SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
11	Registration opens for Family Camp Out at Veterans Park
14	Adult Wiffleball League ends
16	Opening Ceremonies for Flag Football and Cheerleading
25	Adult Fall League Begins

September

- 2 Pre-Registration for the Zombie Run Begins
 - 2-19 Youth Basketball Registration
 - 5-7 Tupelo Tennis Academy Fall Tournament TSA Back to School Bash Tournament
 - 8 TopSoccer begins
 - 13 Touch-A-Truck
 - 14 SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center Punt, Pass, Kick Local
 - 16 Fall Youth Soccer Begins
 - 19 Wild Game Day at Oren Dunn City Museum
 - 26 Family Camp Out at Veterans Park
 - 27-28 TSA Fall Frenzy Tournament Adidas Tupelo Invitational

October

- 12 SCUBA Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 14 Tupelo Fall Classic Adult Tennis Tournament
- 17 Great Pumpkin Splash at Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 18 Dogtrot Rockabilly Festival

Barktober Fest

Halloween Egg Haunt

Zombie Fun Run / Haunted Trails 5K

Trunk-or-Treat

- 19 Punt, Pass & Kick Sectional
- 20 TopSoccer ends
- 27 Flag Football ends

Therapeutic Halloween Party

30 Fall Adult League ends Fall Youth Soccer ends

November

- 1-28 Fossil Road Show at Oren Dunn Museum
 - 11 Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park
- 14-16 Shockwave Swim Meet
 - 16 SCUBA Class at the Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 20-22 Tupelo High School Soccer Tournament

December

- Christmas Toy Exhibit at the Oren Dunn Museum Lighting of the Museum
- 8 Youth Basketball Begins
- 13 Reindeer Romp
- 14 SCUBA Class at the Tupelo Aquatic Center
- 18-21 Lifeguard Certification Class at Tupelo Aquatic Center

Youth Recreational Softball League

The youth girl's recreation softball leagues offer T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Fast and/or Modified Pitch leagues that are played at Veterans Park Complex. This is an instructional league aimed to teach the fundamentals of softball.

Registration Dates: January 21 - Feb 7

Estimated Start Date: April 14

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thurs, some Saturdays

Ages: 4 - 14 (Age as of December 31, 2013)

Cost: \$45 for city residents

\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$70 for Lee County residents

Competitive Softball

Tupelo Express Competitive Softball holds open try-outs. The girls are selected on their scores on several aspects of the game. Girls selected for the competitive teams will compete in tournaments around the state.

Try Out Date: Late July or Early August 2014

Start Date: TBA Days of Week: TBA

Ages: 7 - 16

Youth Basketball League

This League is open to both boys and girls. Games are played in a gym provided by the Tupelo Public Schools. We use drop down goals for the youngest age groups to help them become fundamentally sound.

Registration Dates: September 2 - 19 Estimated Start Date: December 8

Day of Week: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Saturday **Ages:** 6 - 14 (Age as of September 1, 2014)

\$45 for city residents Cost:

\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$70 for Lee County residents

Youth Recreational Baseball

The recreational baseball program's goal is to teach the basic fundamentals and sportsmanship. The baseball complex has 13 lighted fields located at Sportsplex with restrooms and concession.

Registration Dates: January 21 - Feb 7

Estimated Start Date: April 14 Days of Week: Mon, Tue and Thursday **Ages:** 4 - 18 (Age before May 1, 2014) Cost:

\$45 for city residents

\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$70 for Lee County residents

Peewee Football

The North Mississippi Peewee Football League was founded in 2004 so all kids from all walks of life can learn the game of football. With the cooperation of Tupelo Park and Rec. and the surrounding high schools this program is a huge success. We are also associated with the national organization of USA Youth football. Since this program has been going on we have had anywhere from 170 to 200 kids everv vear.

Registration Dates: July 26, Aug. 2, 9 and 16 at 9:00 am Gum Tree Park (come prepared to run)

Estimated Start Date: August 16

Website: www.nmpfl.com or NMPFL on Facebook

Phone: 662-231-6467

Ages: 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12

\$150.00 This covers entire uniform, the player provides cleats. Cost:

Contact Russell Verell for more information on fees.





Tupelo Rangers Baseball

This league provides the citizens of Tupelo and Lee County a competitive level of baseball. There are three lighted fields located at Theron Nichols Park and a lighted field at City Park. Both have restroom facilities.

Registration Dates: August Annual Try-outs

Estimated Season: August - October & February - June

Days of Week: Mon, Tue, Thurs and Weekends

Ages: 7 - 14 (Age before May 1, 2014)

Youth Recreational Flag Football

This league provides the citizens of Tupelo a recreational program to teach the basic fundamentals and to learn sportsmanship. There are five lighted fields located at Sportsplex with restrooms, concession, walking track, skate park, and playground area.

Registration Dates: June 2 - 20 Estimated Start Date: August 16

Days of Week: Mon

Ages: 6 - 11 (Age as of July 31, 2014)

Cost: \$45 for city residents

\$55 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$70 for Lee County residents



Cheerleading

Everyone that signs up for cheerleading will be a cheerleader for our youth flag football and youth basketball programs. Three clinics will be conducted by high school cheerleaders.

Cheer Workshop: July 26

Cost: Free

Registration: June 3 - 20

Estimated Start Date: August 16 Opening Ceremonies

Ages: 5 - 13 (Age as of August 1, 2014)

Cost: \$15 per child

*Cost does not include uniform.



Tupelo Youth Soccer

Tupelo Youth Soccer is designed to promote and teach the game of soccer to all the youth of Tupelo. Soccer is played in the Fall and Spring of each year and all games are played at the beautiful Ballard Park Sportsplex.

Registration Dates: June 2 - 20 Estimated Start Date: September 16 Days of Week: Mon, Tue & Thurs

Ages: 4 - 18 boys and girls (Age as of July 31, 2014)

Cost: \$50 city residents

\$60 Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$75 Lee County resident



Tupelo Futbol Club

Tupelo Futbol Club's purpose is to provide players with the best available training and coaching to help them improve their team and individual skills. TFC seeks to provide every player with the opportunities both on and off the field that will help them advance to the highest level. TFC also hopes to create a program that all players, parents and spectators will be proud of and that they will represent the community with pride.

Try-out Dates: TBA

Estimated Start Date: August 1

Ages: 10 - 18 boys and girls (Age as of July 31, 2014)

USTA Junior Team Tennis

Involves ongoing development throughout the summer for advanced and aspiring tournament players. Conditioning, shot selection, and strategy will be emphasized with drills and match play. Offers the opportunity to play on teams in leagues that emphasize fun, fitness, and friends. Teams are organized

to match players of similar age and ability.

Summer Registration Dates: April 28 - May 16 online at www.mstennis.com

Estimated Start Date: May 26 - July 11

Ages: 18 & under

Cost: \$39 - includes 1 year USTA membership

\$20 - for current USTA members through the end of July

Individual Tennis Lessons

Individual and semi-private lessons are available upon request for those who wish to develop and improve specific skills. All instructional programs offered are designed to allow each individual to progress at their own pace and to the extent of their ability. Team coaching is available. All lessons are taught at Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis Facility. Contact our tennis pros at 662-687-2445.

Spring & Fall Adult Softball Leagues

There are a variety of leagues available for churches, recreational, competitive, and co-ed. Tupelo will continue to offer a fall softball league with men's and women's leagues. ASA rules will be in effect with a few local league rules. Games will be played at Eastwood Complex / Veteran's Complex.

Registration Dates: Spring: Feb. 10 - March 7

Fall: July 7 - August 1

Spring Start Date: April 1, 2014
Fall Start Date: August 25, 2014
Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men & Women

Cost: \$375 per team to City of Tupelo



Adult Flag Football League

There are a variety of leagues available for churches, recreational, competitive, and co-ed.

Registration Dates: July 7 - August 1 Day of Week: Mon, Tue, and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men & Women

Cost: \$275 per team to the City of Tupelo Estimated start date - August 19, 2014



Adult Kickball League

Registration Dates: July 7 - August 1 Estimated Start Date: August 25, 2014

Day of the Week: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men and Women

Cost: \$100 per team



Adult Wiffle Ball

Registration Dates: May 27 - June 20 Estimated Start Date: July 1, 2014

Day of the Week: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Ages: Adult Men and Women

Cost: \$100 per team



Adult & Senior Tennis Leagues

These leagues are coordinated through USTA, Southern Tennis Association (STA), and the Mississippi Tennis Association (MTA). All players must be current members of the USTA for the entire local league season. These are fun and exciting leagues to engage in friendly competition. All players, teams, and local leagues must abide by all applicable USTA, STA, and MTA rules and regulations, which can be found at www.mstennis.com. All home matches will be played at Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis Facility. Contact Tupelo Tennis Academy for more information at 662-687-2445.

Hershey's Track & Field

Hershey's Track and Field games are coming back to Tupelo. Kids 9-14 are encouraged to do their best in events like running, jumping and throwing. Your child can be part of the fun. Register early for a free t-shirt. Check out our website at www.hersheystrackandfield.com.

Registration: April 1 - 25

Date of Event: May 17, Rain date May 24

Ages: Born in 2004 – 2005 (Boys 9-10)

Born in 2002 – 2003 (Boys 11-12)

Born in 2000 – 2001 (Boys 13-14)

Born in 2004 – 2005 (Girls 9-10) Born in 2002 – 2003 (Girls 11-12) Born in 2000 – 2001 (Girls 13-14)



Age groups 9-10 and 11-12, 4X100 Relays, will not qualify for the North American Final. **Cost:** \$10.00 per child.

TPRD Baseball Camp / Clinic

Campers will receive instructions and drills on the fundamentals of pitching, catching, and hitting. Campers will also benefit from work on the mental and physical aspects of the game.

Call Tupelo Department of Parks and Recreation for more information.

Punt, Pass and Kick Event

Punt, Pass and Kick is a program sponsored by The National Football League. Local youth in the surrounding Tupelo area can showcase their football abilities and skills. Call Parks and Recreation for location of event.

Pitch, Hit, and Run

Pitch, Hit, and Run is a program sponsored by Major League Baseball. Area youth players can showcase their baseball abilities and skills. Call Parks & Recreation for location of event.

3v3 Heat Basketball

This 3v3 basketball program gives adults and youths the chance to play street type basketball in a more organized setting.

Location: Gum Tree Park basketball courts

Registration: 30 minutes before tournament begins

Event Dates: July 25, 26 and 27

Ages: 10 and up Cost: FREE!

Summer Day Camp 2014

We create opportunities for fun, adventure and learning in a safe, healthy, supervised outdoor/indoor program. This program is for children that have completed kindergarten through the completion of the fifth grade. Six weeks of fun held at the Rockwell Youth Center and Augustus Center.

Registration: May 6 (Until full)

Camp: June 2 - July 11

Cost: \$45 per week per child (city residents)

\$40 per week per child (2 or more in family, city residents only)

\$50 per week per child (non city resident)

All Camps Super Fun Day

July 11, 2014, 12 - 3 pm

At Ballard Park, all day camps, church camps, child care facilities and learning centers are invited. Call our office to get in on this Super Summer Event, 841-6440.

- Camp Competition
- Arts and Crafts
- Water Events
- Face painting
- Sack races
- Tug-of-war
- and more

*Sponsorships and donations welcome.

Year Round Aquatic Facility

Tupelo Aquatic Center

692 North Veterans Blvd

662-840-3768

www.tupeloaquatics.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday @ 6am-8pm

Wednesday @ 6am-6pm

Saturday @ 8am-6pm

Sunday @ 1pm-5pm

Programs Available: Adult Water Fitness Classes

Structured Classes

Agua Zumba®, AQUA Explosion, Water Works, Making Waves, N2 the Deep, AQUA KICKBOXING, Golden Waves, Silver Waves

Un-Structured Classes

Paddleboarding, Lap Swimming, Water Walking, Splish Splash

Adult Swim Lessons (Group, Private, and Semi-Private)

Masters Swim Program

Children Water Fitness Classes

Kids Power Hour

Youth Group Swim Lessons

Youth Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons

Shockwave

School Field Trips

Pool Parties

Lifeguard Certification Classes

Water Safety Instructor Courses

Open Recreational Swim

Open Community Recreational Swim Program

(General Admission: \$3.00/person)

January – May 2014

May 24 - August 3

Friday @ 6-8pm Saturday @ 1-6pm

Sunday @ 1-5pm

Tuesday - Sunday @ 1-6pm Friday @ 6-8pm Saturday @ 1-6pm

Sunday @ 1-5pm

August 4 – December





SPLASH PASSES

AVAILABLE!

Seasonal Facilities

Season runs June 2 - July 25

C.C. Augustus Pool

1400 N. Green Street

Monday-Friday (1 p.m. - 6 p.m.) (Closes at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays)

Admission \$2.00 for swimmers and non-swimmers

*Private Parties available on weekends during the season. \$250.00. Contact Barbara Aguirre at 840-3768 for more information.

Lifequard Certification Class

The lifeguard training course prepares individuals to assume the duties and responsibilities of lifeguards at the swimming pools and non-surf open swim water beaches and waterparks. This course provides the knowledge and skills designed to save the life of another person in the event of an emergency. The training course is 25 hours. The lifeguard class will be taught at the Tupelo Aquatic Center. Prerequisites are passing the pre-course test which involves swimming 300 yards continuously, treading water for two minutes (without using hands) and retrieving a diving brick (approximately 10 lbs.) from 7 - 12 feet of water within 80 seconds.

Start Date: Class 1: March 12 - 15 Start Date: Class 2: April 16 - 19

Class 3: May 1 - 4

Class 4: December 18 - 21

Ages: 15 & up Cost: \$275

Recertification Cost: \$150



Senior Aquatic Classes

Get into shape this year with the natural resistance of water. These classes are held in shallow water that lets you workout without putting additional stress on your muscles, bones and joints. We also offer programs for the recreational lap swimmers. All programs are conducted at Tupelo Aquatic Center. Locker rooms and showers are available. Classes must have eight participants to make. Contact Tupelo Aquatic Center for more information at 840-3768.

Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club is a group for senior adults 50 years and older. The group is a great way to meet other seniors within the Tupelo area. The YAH club meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday nights of the month at the Bel-Air Center. Each night there is music and dancing. Special programs which usually involve holiday programming/dress-up events are scheduled throughout the year. Each participant pays \$5.00 per person each Thursday. Except catered events are \$7.00 per person.

Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club

The Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club is an outlet for social interaction with individuals who enjoy ballroom dancing or those interested in learning. Free classes are offered at the The Dance Studio each Monday night. A dance is held each month. For more information on upcoming dance dates, times, location please visit www.tupeloballroomdance.com

Duplicate Bridge Clubs

- The Tupelo Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Bel-Air Center at 1:30 on Sunday and 1:00pm on Fridays.
- The Grand Slam Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1pm on Wednesdays at the Bel-Air Center.
- Our Bridge Club is affiliated with the American Contract Bridge League with a membership of over 600,000 and a network throughout the world for competition.

Duplicate Bridge is a game of skill, not chance. The club always needs and welcomes new players.



Lively Hearts Club

The Lively Hearts Club is a group of senior citizens that meet at the C.C. Augustus Center the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Activities include walks around the track at Robins Field, bingo, card games, art, crafts, special events, community guest and lunch.

Challenger League Sports

Challenger League is open to all ages 5 and up with physical and mental disabilities. This league is established to provide an athletic outlet for all individuals regardless of their abilities. This league participates in softball, soccer, and basketball.

Registration Date: Basketball - Jan. 13 - Feb. 7

Softball - Mar. 24 - April 11 Soccer - July 14 - Aug. 8

Start Date: Basketball - March 3

Softball - May 5 Soccer - Sept. 8

Day of Week: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays (1 day per week)

Ages: 5 and up Cost: \$10 per person

Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center

662-841-3791, 2107 Country Club Road, Pat Clark, Director

The Bel-Air Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-1pm. Various activities are available on a daily basis in which anyone 50 plus can participate. We offer scrapbooking classes, arts/crafts, card games, line dance classes, small group discussion, and other personal workshops. Come join quite an active group of individuals who love to stay busy and have fun! Call Pat Clark with any questions about the Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center or stop by and see what it has to offer.

Tupelo Skate Park

The Tupelo Skate Park is located in Ballard Park on the West Side of the Oren Dunn Museum. It is a 12,000 square feet, 2 level concrete and steel park.

The park is open from sunrise until 10 p.m. every day of the year.

Tupelo Disc Golf

Disc golf is played like regular golf but instead of using golf balls and clubs you use a plastic disc like a Frisbee. The object is to throw your disc from a designated "tee pad" area towards a metal basket surrounded by chains. Once your disc is in the basket, you've completed the hole. Tupelo has two disc golf courses in the Park and Recreation System. One course is at Veterans Park and the other at Ballard Park.

For more information on Tupelo Disc Golf visit: www.tupelodiscgolf.com or www.facebook.com/BallardParkDiscGolf

2014 5K / Fun Run Schedule

Tie Dye 5k 5/17 Running with the King 6/7 Nightcrawler 7/25 Haunted Trails 5k 10/18 Zombie Fun Run 10/18 Reindeer Romp Fun Run 12/13

Contact Tupelo Parks and Recreation for race preparation training @ 841-6440



HALLENGER

Community Events

Children's Fishing Rodeo

The Fishing Rodeo will be held *April 12, 2014 at Veterans Park.* Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, bait, tackle, and the whole family. Children ages 3-15 can participate from 10am-Noon, and then the event will be open to the public. This is a great event for the entire family! Free Event!

Azalea Festival

East Tupelo Presley Heights annual Azalea Festival includes area yard tours of beautiful azaleas, live entertainment, food, arts and crafts and children's activities. *This year's event is TBA*.

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

The 4th annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will be at Tupelo Aquatic Center on Saturday, April 12, 2014. Plastic eggs will be scattered throughout both pools at the facility. Each egg will contain a special coin or turtle. All eggs will be turned in for a prize following the conclusion of each age group's competition. Children will be grouped according to age. This event is for children ages 6 and under only.

Halloween Egg Haunt

Bring all your little spooks out to the Baseball Complex on *October 18, 2014 at 6pm* for the Halloween Egg Hunt. There will be a fun run and an egg hunt with candy and prizes. This event is for 12 and under. Don't forget your flashlights!

Family Camp Out at Veterans Park

The camp out will be held *Friday, September 26th, 2014 at Veterans Park*, and all the fun begins at 4pm. Bring your tents and sleeping bags and you'll be ready to take part in all the activities. Whether you are a seasoned camper or a newbie, this campout is for you! Cost for the Family Fun Campout is \$5.00 per person. Children under age 2 are FREE. To register, call 662-841-6440. Space is limited.

All-America City Family Picnic in the Park

The biggest 4th of July celebration in North Mississippi is here in Tupelo. The crowds get larger each year with all of the activities packed into the event. There is prime entertainment for all ages, a variety of food in the vendor food court area, and fun activities for the kids. Come to Fairpark and celebrate with all of your friends and neighbors. This year's event will be held *July 4, 2014*.

Touch-A-Truck

This program is designed to allow children to touch, climb, and explore trucks and heavy machinery and to learn what purpose the vehicle serves in our community. Vehicles of all types will be on site and various staff of the vehicles will be present for your children to ask questions and satisfy their curiosities. The event will take place *Saturday*, *September 13*, *2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.* Currently the location is TBA. This is a free event and great for the whole family.

The Great Pumpkin Splash

The Tupelo Aquatic Center will turn into the Great Floating Pumpkin Patch in October. Kids can pick a pumpkin from our in-water pumpkin patch. Participants will swim around the pool and pick the pumpkin that suits their fancy. Kids can enjoy harvest relay races, the pumpkin roll, and more. Preregistration is required. This event will take place October 17, 2014 from 10:30 am - 12:00 noon.

The Annual Christmas Lighting of Ballard Park

This event showcases local school choirs and winners of the "What the Holidays Mean to Me" essay contest. This contest is for children 2nd-5th grade and winners get to flip the switch to turn on the lights at Ballard park for the Christmas Season. Contact Tupelo Parks & Recreation for more information. The 2014 event will take place *Monday, December 2, 2014 at 6:00 pm*.

City Wide Sidewalk Sale

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Purchase a 10X10 space for \$30.00 and turn all that clutter into CASH! The City-Wide Sidewalk Sale will be held *Saturday, April 12, 2014* on the East Side of Ballard Park! You can begin purchasing booths for the sale on January 28th, 2014. Vendor is responsible for your own tents, tables, and transporting merchandise to your space from the parking lot. Contact Shanta Eiland at 841-6440 for more information.

BarktoberFest

The BarktoberFest will be held *Saturday, October 18, 2014* at the Tupelo Bark Park. This event is tailor made for pets and their families to play, seek pet information & products, and enjoy all things....DOG! Come enjoy music, food and vendors. Contact Shanta Eiland at 841-6440 for more information.

Parks & Amenities

Aycock Park (.5 Acres) Picnic tables and grill

Ballard Park (153 Acres)

3 Acre lake, 1 gazebo, 2 pavilions, 1 stage, 3 restroom facilities, Skate Park, disc golf course, 2 playgrounds, 2.75 mile trail, cross country trail, Life Trail Fitness system, 1 maintenance building, 20 picnic tables, 2 sand volleyball courts, Oren Dunn Museum, Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 16 lighted multi-purpose fields, 1 athletic operation Center.

Baseball Fields at Sportsplex (55 Acres)
9 baseball fields, pavilion, concession stand, picnic area, 1.2 mile cross country course

Bel-Air Golf Course (72 Acres)
1 nine hole golf course, 1 senior recreation facility and club house, 1 maintenance facility.

Bristow Park (.6 Acre)

1 playground, 1 swing set, .15 mile trail.

C.C. Avgustus (.7 Acre) 85,000 gallon swimming pool, 1 recreation/meeting facility, support building for pool.

Chandler Park (.5 Acre)

Swina set

Eastwood Softball Complex (35 Acres)4 softball fields, 2 concession stands, 2 covered areas, maintenance shed.

Gateway Park (3.3 Acres) 2 water features, 3 pavilions, 1780 feet of trail.

Gumtree Park (22 Acres)

8 outdoor courts, 2 multi purpose fields, 1 pavilion, picnic tables, playground, amphitheater, and 1 mile walking trail.

Gun Club Park (9 Acres)

1 pavilion, playground, 1 mile trail.

Hancock Park (9.8 acres)
3 Outdoor courts, 1 pavilion, 2 playgrounds, .25 mile trail

Haven Acres Park (1 Acre)

1 pavilion, 1 playground structure, .15 mile trail.

Lee Acres Park (4 Acres)

2 basketball courts, 1 lighted ball field, 1 playground, 1 recreational facility.

Old Mill Town Park (1.2 Acres)

2 outdoor courts, 1 playground, .125 mile trail.

Rob Leake City Park (34 Acres)17 lighted tennis courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, 2 lighted ball fields, pro shop, 2 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5 mile trail, 1 recreation/meeting facility.

Robins Field (9 Acres)

playground, .25 mile trail.

Theron Nichols Park (35 Acres)
3 lighted ballfields, 6 picnic sites, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .25 mile trail, 1 concession stand/ pressbox, sand volleyball court.

Tupelo Bark Park (1 Acre)

Large dog play area, small dog play area, covered entry way with benches, picnic table, watering station, 2.5 mile Music Bend Trail.

Veteran's Park (206 Acres)

Tupelo Aquatic Center, 2 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5 mile trail, LifeTrail Fitness system, disc golf course, 4 field complex with support facilities, splashpad, sand volleyball court and Veterans Memorial.

*All parks are free and open to the public with the exception of certain events.

Oren Dunn City Museum

Housed in a 1937 dairy barn, the Oren Dunn City Museum offers a unique view into the past. The Museum features exhibits on the milestones in Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi History such as the 1864 Battle of Harrisburg and the 1936 Tupelo tornado. The collection includes objects that reflect local history focusing mainly on agriculture, industry, and other local memorabilia. The Museum grounds house a large collection of buildings that highlight Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi history: 1870s dog-trot cabin, church and school, two Tupelo Fire Trucks, 1948 Lee County Book Mobile, Memphis trolley car turned local eatery Dudie's Diner, and Frisco Caboose.

Along with our permanent exhibits, the museum hosts several seasonal exhibits, which include Quilts, Toys, African-American History, Annual Holiday Exhibit; the museum has several educational programs including museum summer camps and living history days.

Visitor Information:

662-841-6438, Fax: 662-841-6458 Email: Rae.Mathis@tupeloms.gov Website: www.orendunnmuseum.org

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed Sunday & City of Tupelo holidays Hours may vary for special events

Admission:

Adults - \$3.00 Seniors (60 & over) - \$2.00 Children (4-12) - \$1.50 Children under 3 - Free Please call for School Group and Adult Group Rates

Location: 689 Rutherford Road, Tupelo, MS 38801. Rutherford Road runs South off of West Main Street on the East Side of Ballard Park.

